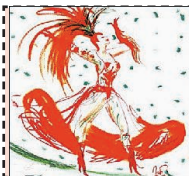


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Prime Minister receives first copy of new book from Dutch Princes



Recently, Dutch Princes Laurentien presented the first copy of her newest book to Aruba Prime Minister Mike Eman. The Princes made the presentation herself in the Dierraade Blijdorp hall together with her three children. The Princes invited children of the Rotterdam Provenier primary school and Aruban kids living in Holland for the occasion. Among the many invitees were musicians, politicians, theater artists, and science and social organizations. Prins Constantijn, the spouse of Princess Laurentien, the city mayor of Rotterdam, Mr. Aboutaleb and the parents of the Princesses, Mr. and Mrs. Brinkhorst

were also in attendance.

In his discourse Prime Minister Eman introduced himself to the children as "Prime Minister of a small island at the other side of the ocean, just like in the new book titled "Mr. Finney en de andere kant van het water." Eman indicated that we can all have big problems in our world if we do not care for our environment. This, he said, is why Princess Laurentien's book, in which she places emphasis on the environment and sustainable energy, is so important.

He told about the energy conference held recently on Aruba with Dutch astronaut Wubbo Ockels as one of the

keynote speakers. He shared how Ockels told of seeing how beautiful our planet looks from outer space. He reiterated how important the Princes' book is in this context. Eman said, "We must conserve our planet. Each one of us has a responsibility to ensure that we don't experience what is recounted in the book. This is why moments and events like these are so important."

The Prime Minister expressed words of praise to the illustrator of the book, Mr. Sibe Posthuma, who designed the many colorful pictures in the book.

Eman then directed his words to the author of the book, Princess Laurentien, expressing his sense of honor for being there for the occasion. He joked about the Princes receiving a telephone call from him one day on her super BB with the call for help from Aruba because of an overflow of water from the ocean. He said that surely she and her book character, Mr. Finney, would come to our rescue.

The Prime Minister recounted that we must be doing as much as we can to protect our environment.

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SMS with Digicel to send Aruba's special athletes to the International Summer Games



Special athletes with digicel management team

Two weeks ago, Wanda Broeksema, Digicel's Marketing Head for the islands of Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao, announced the company's continued support of Aruba delegation to this year's World Summer Games of the Special Olympics. Digicel Mobile Providers have been a steadfast sponsor of Aruba's special athletes for seven years, and this year they offer the entire community the opportunity to contribute to this worthy cause.

During the festive opening of a Digicel shop in the charm-

ing new commercial center attached to the renovated San Nicolas Bus Terminal, the public was informed they can text SMS number 2011, which will donate 1 Aruban florins, (\$1.57 U.S.) to the special athlete's travel fund. Each donation of 1 florin will enter phone users in a raffle contest awarding a variety of prizes each month. Digicel subscribers can win bonus minutes, phone cards, additional SMS texting or even a new cell phone.

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Egypt VP tells protesters to go home, clashes rage



CAIRO (AFP) — Deadly clashes between opponents and partisans of Hosni Mubarak raged for a second day as Egypt's vice president urged protesters to go home, criticising their demands for the president's ouster as a "call for chaos."

That was echoed by the 82-year-old veteran president himself, who told ABC television he was "very unhappy" about the fighting and that he would like to step down but feared chaos would engulf the country.

On Tuesday night, Mubarak announced that he would not run for election to a sixth term

in September, but said he would finish his mandate so he could guarantee an orderly transition.

He said he was "fed-up with being president and would like to leave office now, but cannot, he says, for fear that the country would sink into chaos," ABC's Christiane Amanpour reported after an interview in Cairo. "I don't care what people say about me. Right now I care about my country, I care about Egypt," Mubarak said as violent protests against his rule stretched into a 10th day.

The veteran leader added: "I was very unhappy about yesterday. I do not want to see Egyptians fighting each other."

But while many protesters have accused government agents of provoking the latest violence, Amanpour said Mubarak "told me that... his government is not responsible for it."

Instead, she said he blamed the powerful Muslim Brotherhood.

Australia reels from once-in-a-century cyclone



TULLY, Australia (AFP) — Australia's biggest cyclone in a century shattered entire towns, pummeling the coast and churning across the country, terrifying locals but causing no confirmed fatalities.

Shaken residents emerged

to check the damage after Severe Tropical Cyclone Yasi hit land at around midnight, packing winds of up to 290 kilometres (180 miles) per hour in a region still reeling from record floods.

Officials and locals said 90 percent of the main street in the small Queensland town of Tully, south of Cairns, had "extensive damage", while the coastal community of Cardwell also suffered "significant devastation".

"There are people now that have lost their homes, they lost their farms, they have lost their crops and they have lost their livelihoods," Queensland state premier Anna Bligh said.

Australia's deputy prime minister Wayne Swan said the damage was worse than he had expected. "It's a war zone," he

said.

Regional hub Cairns, a centre for foreign tourists visiting the Great Barrier Reef, was spared Yasi's worst with problems largely restricted to fallen trees and minor damage to buildings.

No deaths or serious injuries were reported, although police said severed mobile phone networks were hampering efforts to check on two men who may be missing in the Cardwell area, and a third man was reported missing in Port Hinchinbrook.

Officials said good planning, strong public warnings and the fact that the storm veered suddenly southwards, away from Cairns, home to 122,000 people, saved the region from the catastrophic losses that had been feared.

Ruling party candidate out of Haiti race

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AFP) — Haiti's fraud-tainted ruling party candidate crashed out of the presidential race yesterday, as the election commission bowed to weeks of US-led pressure and reversed earlier results.

Ending months of deadlock since disputed polls in November, the decision was met with calm on the streets of the quake-hit Caribbean nation, which has endured decades of political upheaval, dictatorship and bloodshed.

Announcing definitive first round results, the commission said popular singer Michel Martelly -- and not the ruling party's Jude Celestin -- would face off against former first lady Mirlande Manigat in a run-off on March 20.

The move comes after international monitors from the Organization of American States (OAS) found significant vote rigging and fraud in favor of Celestin.

The United States and the United Nations welcomed a decision they hope will clear the

way for a more stable political climate and allow international aid efforts to be stepped up. "After a year marked by the devastating earthquake of January 12, 2010 and the ongoing cholera epidemic, it is of paramount importance for Haiti to have a new democratically elected government to continue to tackle the pressing issues of recovery, reconstruction and the fight against cholera," said a statement from UN spokesman Farhan Haq.

The United States has led pressure on Haiti's leaders to accept the OAS findings, threatening to review aid if no

credible government was installed.

Some observers, though, have accused Washington and others of interfering yet again in Haiti's internal affairs.

"Once again, it appears that the international community is determining the political fate of Haiti." The ruling party's Lambert hinted at this in his acceptance remarks.

The OAS urged all sides to respect the announcement and said it would be sending a team of observers back to Haiti for the March 20 run-off, which initially was due to be held in mid-January.

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JAPAN, Takaharu : Smoke rises from the crater of Mount Shinmoedake in the Kirishima mountain range in Kagoshima prefecture, on Japan's southern island of Kyushu on February 3, 2011. A series of spectacular eruptions from a volcano in southern Japan fired columns of ash and smoke thousands of metres in the air, with the cloud delaying some international flights to Tokyo.

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He said, "Already 20% of Aruba's energy is generated from wind mills, and by 2012 that will become 40%, and hopefully another 10% of solar energy will be added to that, resulting in 50% of alternative energy being generated by 2013 in Aruba. And, we are very happy with this accomplishment."

Eman concluded his remarks by again sharing how honored he felt for being here and congratulated the Princes and her proud parents, spouse and children.

AZV reacts complaints Executive Body cannot be reached by phone



CAMACURI — Since the AZV moved to its new building at Rumbastraat 21, a new telephone central has been introduced with operators as well as automatic answering machines, which customers will hear if operators are busy. AZV claims the different departments that work directly with customers are easily accessible by telephone or automatic answering machines.

The aim of AZV's Executive Body is to provide good communication with the insured via tel. 727-9900 or info@uoazv.aw. However, in

cases when an AZV insured person uses the old telephone number which is 588-3499, no operator nor answering machine responds; this number is now blocked.

Unfortunately, the old AZV number has been published on page 1 of the 2011 telephone book, which adds to the confusion. To get the correct telephone number and address of AZV's Executive Body, look for the information in the yellow pages, pg 70, or visit AZV's website: www.arubayp.com or www.azv.aw

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Privatization of ATA an achievement of all Ministers of Tourism

according to Otmar Oduber

ORANJESTAD -- During the first round of deliberations in Wednesday's public Parliamentary meeting, Minister of Tourism, Otmar Oduber, acknowledged the efforts made by all those who since 1986 labored to bring about the privatization of the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA). He informed Parliament that the process began with the very first minister of Tourism, Don Mansur, followed by Minister Eddie Briesen, Minister Tico Croes, Minister Lily Beke, and once more by his predecessor, Eddie Briesen. Today, he remarked, "we have the honor of presenting it to Parliament to make it a reality."

Oduber recounted how that 25 years ago Aruba decided to put its emphasis on Tourism after the closure of the oil refinery and a devastating unemployment with many of our people leaving the island for Holland.

The Minister made mention of the fact that this new law is not one that was originated with Otmar Oduber or the Mike Eman Administration, but one that dates back 25 years ago with Minister

Don Mansur who actually had articles of incorporation (statutes) prepared for the privatization of the tourism office.

Oduber also referred to the fact that in 1996 PBR related what roll ATA must have in her new function for Aruba's economic pillar. In 1998 another report was prepared by a group of professionals showing how ATA should be privatized. Then, in 2000 Deloitte & Touche prepared still a third such report on the privatization of ATA. Still one other report, in 2006, was prepared under the leadership of Mr. Briesen, and Romeo Thijsen called the "Verzelfstandiging Aruba Tourism Authority van wenselijkheid naar werkelijkheid."

In April 2008 "Destination Aruba 2015, defining and delivering Aruba's Tourism Proposition" was prepared and presented by the government of Aruba. That document defined how the former government (MEP) viewed the future of the government in which a privatized ATA was envisioned. In that document a clear picture was painted as to how ATA was

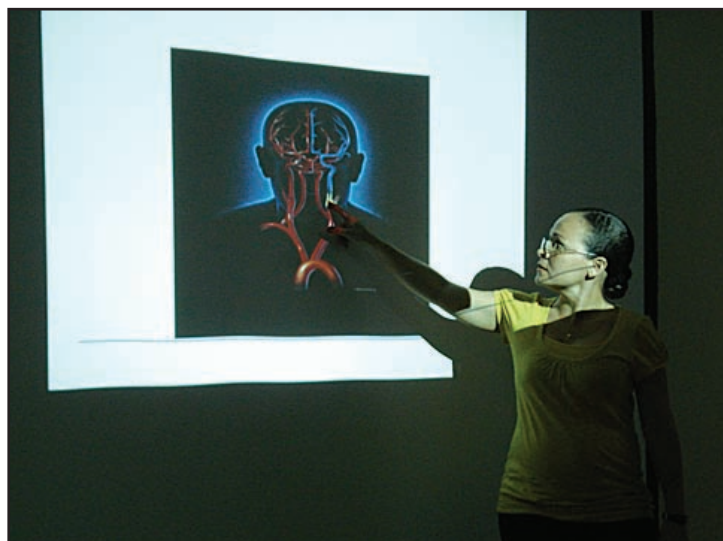
envisioned as a privatized entity.

Otmar Oduber, indicated in his presentation that his predecessor is cognizant of the fact that his ideas, the general direction, the vision today in a broad sense are those of his predecessor Mr. Briesen and his own along with that of all those who went before them.

In that context he reiterated that one should not see this law as coming from the Mike Eman Administration per se, or from a particular Minister, but instead as a law that could have different political colors and ideals, with the same vision for our tourism with the exception of some minor details.

The minister concluded his remarks by saying, "... Today I'm standing here proudly representing those who went before me, from Mr. Briesen all the way back to Don Mansur achieving what many Administrations wanted to achieve, and the private sector and people of Aruba desired. Our duty today is to improve on this law

CVA training 2011 for Red Cross Volunteers begins with Stroke Recognition



ORANJESTAD – the Cerebro Vascular Accident (CVA) Foundation Aruba held its first informative evening for 2011, welcoming Red Cross volunteers to learn more regarding Cerebro-vascular Accident, commonly known as a stroke.

More than 20 volunteers from the Red Cross received valuable information from C.V.A. member Mrs. Valery Wilson on how to recognize and assist when confronted with a stroke victim, as well as prevention.

Mrs. Wilson demonstrated the importance of recognizing stroke symptoms, as immediacy in obtaining medical help, hopefully within three hours after experiencing the symptoms, can be crucial to the outcome.

There is an international method, called "F.A.S.T.," that is used to notice three specific stroke symptoms

F is for "Facial weakness," refers to changes in a person's face and expressions;

A is for "Arm weakness," refers to limited arm strength;

S is for "Speech problems," checking if a person can articulate clearly and understand what is said to him;

T is for "Time," which signifies the importance of obtaining proper medical assistance or getting the stroke

victim to a hospital as soon as possible.

A stroke occurs when blood flow to a part of the brain is interrupted because a blood vessel in the brain is blocked or bursts open. If blood flow is stopped for longer than a few seconds, the brain is not receiving blood and oxygen. Brain cells begin to die, causing permanent damage. Factors that increase the risk for stroke are high blood pressure, overweight, an unbalanced diet, diabetes, excessive alcohol consumption and smoking.

The Red Cross volunteers displayed great interest to learn more about strokes and their consequences. The C.V.A. plans to repeat the lecture for other Red Cross volunteers very soon.

The C.V.A. (Cerebro Vascular Accident) - Stroke Foundation Aruba was founded on the February 17, 2005. The co-founders are Mrs. Philomena Wong and Mrs. Helen Mohamed. Both are stroke survivors who decided not to be silent, but to do something about informing and preventing this debilitating condition while promoting greater awareness on Aruba in recognizing stroke victims and how to help them.

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Digicel GM Bert Schreud-

ers invited soccer players Horace and Chris, who are training hard and determined to be part of the delegation to Athen, to assist him in cutting the ribbon on the Digicel shop. Joining them for the opening of this new convenience to San Nicolas residents were President and Vice President of the Aruba Special Olympics Committee, Arturo Werleman and



Soccer players Horace and Chris

Netty Williams, who expressed their heartfelt gratitude for Digicel's continued support.

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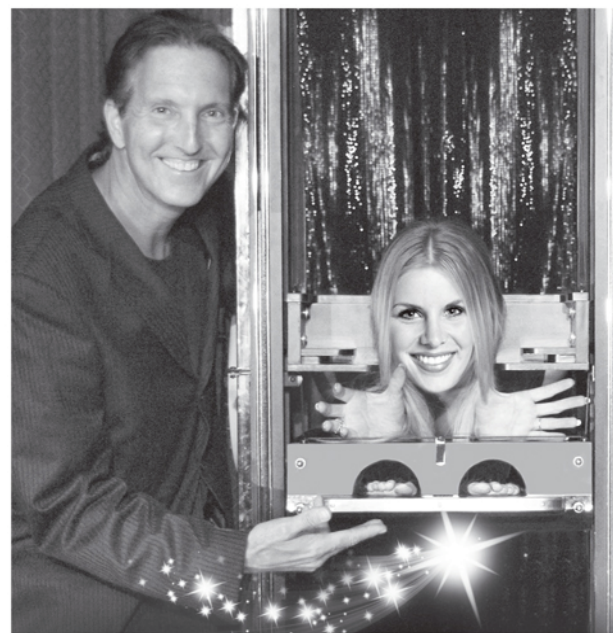
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Microsoft riled by charge Bing is a copy cat

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) — A spat between Internet titans heated up with Microsoft angrily denying that Bing copies Google's search results and the world's top on-line search engine adamant it has proof.

Microsoft senior vice president Yusuf Mehdi went on the offensive in a blog post that accused Google of tricking Bing with a "honeypot attack" too sweet to resist.

"In simple terms, Google's 'experiment' was rigged to manipulate Bing search results through a type of attack also known as 'click fraud,'" Mehdi said.

"That's right, the same type of attack employed by spammers on the Web to trick consumers and produce bogus search results."

Google held firm that it conducted a simple, honest experiment that showed Bing copied its search results and that rather than gripe about getting caught it should simply stop doing it.

"Some Bing results in-

creasingly look like an incomplete, stale version of Google results -- a cheap imitation," said Amit Singhal, one of the company's search engineers, on Google's official blog.

Google had noted that in the summer of 2010 Bing did not return any results for a misspelled search for the surgical eye procedure "tarsorrhaphy."

"Later in the summer, Bing started returning our first result to their users without offering the spell correction," Singhal said. "This was very strange."

The experiment was repeated with nonsensical searches, including "hiybbprqag," "delhipublicschool40 chdjob," and "juegosdebenlogrande," which Google had designed to link to a single unrelated result.

Google engineers used their company's search engine and Microsoft's Internet Explorer web browsing software to search on the fabri-

cated terms that generated orchestrated results.

Within weeks, Bing offered the same results for searches on the made-up terms, according to Singhal.

Google equated the experiment to releasing intentionally false information and following its trail.

"We do not copy results from any of our competitors," Mehdi said. "Period."

"We have some of the best minds in the world at work on search quality and relevance, and for a competitor to accuse any one of these people of such activity is just insulting," he continued.

Microsoft argued that search feedback from users of Internet Explorer is "one of more than 1,000 signals" taken into account by its formula to match online queries with results.

Bing gets information from users who agree to share anonymous data "as they navigate the web in order to help us improve the experience for all users."

Astronomers discover six planets

PARIS (AFP) — Astronomers said on Thursday they had found six planets orbiting a distant star in the most exciting but also most challenging find since exploration of other solar systems began 15 years ago.

None of the so-called exoplanets, orbiting the star Kepler-11 2,000 light years away, is remotely comparable to the Earth, but the detection of them is a major technical feat, the scientists said.

Five planets are relatively small, ranging in mass from 2.3 to 13.5 times that of Earth, but orbit Kepler-11 at blistering proximity, encircling it at a distance that is even closer than Mercury to the Sun.

Their "year" -- the time it takes to encircle the Sun -- is less than 50 days.

A sixth exoplanet is large and farther out, with an orbital period of 118 days, and is of a yet-to-be determined mass, although it is likely to be a "gas giant" like the outer planets of our own Solar System.

Reporting their find in the British journal Nature, the astronomers said the star sys-

tem was mind-boggling because the planets were so small, so numerous and yet so densely packed.

"We think this is the biggest thing in exoplanets since the discovery of 51 Pegasi b, the first exoplanet back in 1995," Jack Lissauer of the NASA-Ames Research Center said in a teleconference with the media.

Daniel Fabrycky, a post-doctoral researcher at the University of California at Santa Cruz, described it as "an amazing planetary system."

"Of the six planets, the most massive are potentially like Neptune and Uranus, but the three lowest-mass planets are unlike anything we have in our Solar System," added Jonathan Fortney, the university's assistant professor of astronomy and astrophysics.

The inner planets seem to have an atmosphere of water or hydrogen-helium gas. This is another surprise, given the presumption that a small planet orbiting so close to a star would have a light atmosphere blasted away by solar radiation.

Health & Living

Scientists grow blood vessels for human surgery

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Scientists can grow blood vessels in a lab for use in coronary bypass or dialysis, a promising alternative to harvesting from the patient, said a study published.

The process involves taking smooth muscle cells from a human cadaver and grafting them onto tubes made of the material used in making dissolvable stitches, called polyglycolic acid.

Within eight to 10 weeks, the tubes degrade and a "fully formed vascular graft" remains, said the research by scientists from Duke University, East Carolina University and Yale University.

The veins have been tested in baboons and dogs. They were not rejected by the animals' bodies and functioned well for six months, said the study, published in the journal *Science Translational Medicine*.

The bio-engineered vessels could also be stored in saline solution for up to a year, suggesting that one day surgeons could pluck a vein "off the shelf" for use in a sick patient, the study said.

Clinical trials in humans are expected to begin soon, according to a spokeswoman from Humacyte, a regenerative medicine company based in North Carolina that also contributed to the study and funded the research.

"Currently, grafting using the patient's own veins remains the gold standard," said co-author Alan Kypson of the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University.

"But, harvesting a vein from the patient's leg can lead to complications, and for patients who don't have suitable veins, the bio-engineered veins could serve as an important new way to provide a coronary bypass."

The engineered vessels also have "decreased potential for infection, obstruction or clotting," the study noted.

Shannon Dahl, senior director of Scientific Operations at Humacyte, said veins can be made in a variety of sizes for use in different operations.

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New York extends smoking ban to beaches, parks

NEW YORK (AFP) — New York's City Council approved a law that extends a smoking ban to municipal parks, beaches and other pedestrian zones such as Times Square.

"This summer, New Yorkers who go to our parks and beaches for some fresh air and fun will be able to breathe even cleaner air and sit on a beach not littered with ciga-

rette butts," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said after the vote.

"By voting to prohibit smoking in all 1,700 city parks and 14 miles (23 kilometers) of beaches, the City Council will help us protect more New Yorkers from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke -- particularly children who suffer from asthma."

The measure, approved by a vote of 36-12, goes into effect three months after the mayor signs it. Violators will be fined \$50.

Bloomberg said the new law builds on anti-tobacco efforts since the city banned smoking in bars and restaurants nine years ago.

"Our efforts over the last nine years have resulted in

more than 350,000 fewer smokers, and contributed to New Yorkers living 19 months longer than they did in 2002," he said.

Smokers' rights groups had protested the measure as an infringement on their liberties.

But City Council Speaker Christine Quinn said the law protects the health of city residents.



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Objective of the control

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Control

Controllers of the Directorate of Economic Affairs, Trade and Industry will intensify the control as of February 1, 2011 at 9:00PM, and will start in the hotel area.

Each and every establishment, kiosk, etc. will be checked without exception, whether they sell goods or render services.

Every businessman is requested to have an original or a copy of their license in conformity with the Ordinance Business Establishment at hand and/or an excerpt of the Chamber of Commerce (not older than 6 months). The aforementioned documents have to be shown to the controller of the Directorate of Economic Affairs.

The Minister of Economic Affairs, Social Affairs and Culture
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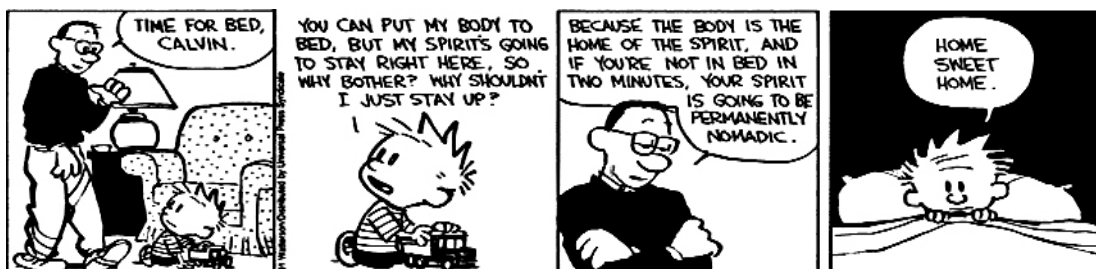
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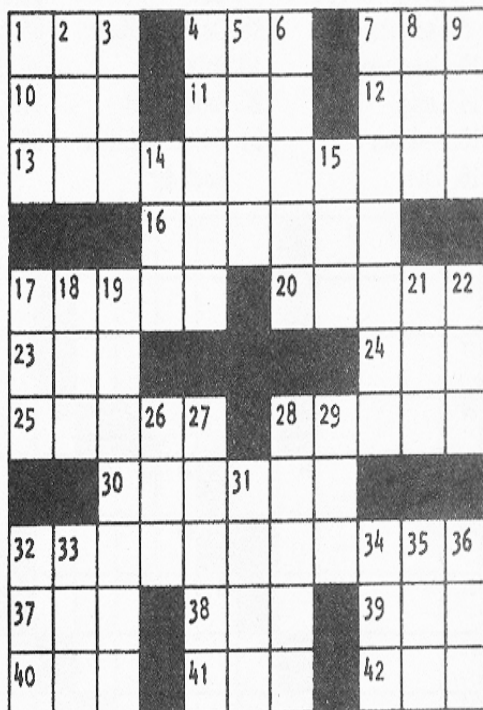
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LONDON (AFP)-The continued unrest in Egypt has prompted Brent oil prices to climb overnight to \$103 a barrel, the highest level since September 2008," said Commerzbank analyst Carsten Fritsch. Prices later retreated on profit-taking.

And although Egypt is not a major crude producer, it is home to the Suez Canal, which carries about 2.4 million barrels daily, roughly equal to Iraq's output.

Royal Dutch Shell profits eclipse crisis-hit BP

LONDON (AFP) – Royal Dutch Shell almost doubled its net profit in 2010, the energy giant said, easily outperforming crisis-hit rival BP thanks to cost-cutting, higher oil prices and rising output.

The fortunes of British group BP were last year ravaged by an oil spill disaster, widely acknowledged to be the worst environmental catastrophe in US history and which has knocked billions of dollars off its value.

Shell's results were published two days after BP unveiled its first annual loss in almost two decades.

The Anglo-Dutch group though said it was boosted last year by cost-cutting and disposals, while it also invested \$3 billion in exploration activities.

Europe needs to refocus on raw materials

BRUSSELS (AFP) – Europe must totally rethink its raw materials and commodities strategy -- regulating markets, bartering with the likes of Africa and developing its own mining, even on protected land, the EU said.

Materials traded globally, and not always on transparent exchanges, include everything from vital metals and industrial minerals, wood and natural rubber to core foodstuffs such as grain. Within that definition, the European Commission has listed 14 priority materials seen as crucial for industry and economic growth, but in risk of shortage and therefore steep price rises.

Mexico supplies electricity to wintry Texas:

MEXICO CITY (AFP) – Mexico's state electricity company started supplying electricity to the US state of Texas, where demand shot up amid unusually cold temperatures and caused power outages.

Mexico's Federal Electricity Commission "was determined to support Texas with electrical energy faced with the problems the state is suffering due to climatological conditions," a statement said. Texas Governor Rick Perry said in a statement that power and emergency management experts were working with utility providers to ensure power was restored as quickly as possible.

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World food prices reach record high



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ROME (AFP) – World food prices reached their highest level ever in January, the UN food agency said, as economists warned chaos in Egypt could push prices up further and foment more unrest in the region.

Rising food prices have been cited among the driving forces behind the recent popular revolts in north Africa, including the uprising in Egypt and the toppling of Tunisia's long-time president Zine El Abidine Ben Ali.

And in its latest survey, the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said its index, which monitors monthly price changes for a variety of staples, averaged 231 points in January -- the highest since records began in 1990.

"The new figures clearly show that the upward pressure on world food prices is not abating. These high prices are likely to persist in the months to come," said Abdolreza Abbassian, an economist for FAO, which is based in Rome.

The Index rose by 3.4 percent from December -- with

big increases in particular for dairy, cereal and oil prices. The rises were most significant in China, India, Indonesia and Russia, data from FAO's monthly report showed.

Capital Economics, a consultancy in London, blamed extreme weather conditions last year and added: "The resulting increases in food prices have contributed to social unrest in many countries, including in Egypt."

The consultancy warned of a vicious circle in which the crisis in Egypt could raise prices even further since other Arab governments were beginning to restrict exports and stockpile food supplies to prevent similar unrest.

"Even if the crisis in Egypt eases soon, the actions taken by governments elsewhere to prevent similar uprisings in their own countries will add to the upward pressure on global agricultural commodity prices," it added.

The FAO's Abbassian however said some countries had become better at managing price shocks after a series of food riots in 2007 and 2008.

"They have learnt from

previous episodes," he said, adding: "There are a lot of factors that could spark turmoil in countries and food is one of them."

The FAO data showed that prices for dairy products rose by 6.2 percent from December, oils and fats gained 5.6 percent, while cereals went up by 3.0 percent because of lower global supply of wheat and maize.

"The increase in prices follows stronger export demand during the last month and concerns about tightening supplies of high quality wheat. The market was also supported by higher oil prices and a weaker US dollar," FAO said.

Meat prices remained broadly stable due to a fall in prices in Europe caused by last month's scare over dioxin poisoning in eggs and pork in Germany, compensated by a slight increase in export prices from Brazil and the United States.

The FAO data showed the Food Price Index averaged 200 points over the whole of 2008, at the height of the 2007/2008 food crisis. The index breached that level for the first time in October 2010 with 205 points and kept rising.

The report showed that Somalia and Uganda have been particularly hard hit in Africa and that the ongoing unrest in Ivory Coast has helped push up prices in West Africa as a whole because of its status as a key transport hub. But the most dramatic rises were seen in Asia, with a surge in prices across the board in India due to "unseasonal rains" during the harvest season "which resulted in severe damage to the summer crop and supply shortages," FAO said.

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest



Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the

run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very



excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will

the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

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Aruba's religious sites

Featured: the Lourdes Grotto

Aruba is known for its beautiful white beaches, pristine turquoise waters, a lot of sunshine and a beautiful arid landscape. Tourist flow to the island to relax in a tranquil ambience and enjoy the many activities constantly happening here. But what if you want to spend a quiet moment? Aruba's spiritual sites offer you the best to achieve the perfect balance of body and soul.

Aruba was colonized by both the Spanish and the Dutch, thus has a strong prevalent Catholic population, even today. While there are many religions represented on the island, it is the Aruba churches and sites that draw those of all faiths.

The Lourdes Grotto is possibly the most well-known religious site on Aruba. Located near San Nicolas in the southern part of the island, away from most of the action, the Lourdes Grotto is peaceful and set away from much of the hectic activity. A grotto is either a natural or artificial cave used by humans, and the grotto on Aruba became a religious site when the Catholic church placed a large statue of the Virgin Mary into a rocky hillside at Seroe Preto in 1958.



The Lourdes Grotto is named after the region in southern France where the Virgin Mary appeared to a peasant girl. The statue was placed on Aruba to mark the 150th anniversary of this appearance. Another cave is located across the street and, as an extra treat for visitors, parakeets live all around this area. Every year on February 11, a procession travels from the St. Theresita Church located in San Nicolas to the Lourdes Grotto Aruba for mass.

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Britain's Camilla to appear on iconic soap



LONDON (AFP) — Prince Charles's wife Camilla will appear on iconic British radio soap opera *The Archers*, following in the footsteps of Princess Margaret, an actress on the program said.

The Duchess of Cornwall, an avid follower of the long-running rural soap, will appear in her role as the president of the Osteoporosis Society, said actress Sara Coward, who

plays character Caroline Sterling.

Camilla's appearance coincides with the 60th anniversary of the BBC program, set in the fictional English village of Ambridge.

Princess Margaret, the Queen's sister, appeared in the program in 1984 to help promote children's charity NSPCC.

"It was fantastic to go to Kensington Palace to record with Princess Margaret 27 years ago and Clarence House was still more fun," Coward said, referring to the official residence of Prince Charles.

"The Duchess was relaxed, charming and wonderfully natural," she added.

Camilla's cameo, which was recorded in early December, will be aired on February 16.

Tiger's Vegas Jam set for April return

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Last year also saw Woods embattled by a sex scandal that kept him from the pro

tour for five months and led to his divorce from wife Elin. Woods suffered the first winless year since turning pro in 2010 and has not won since the scandal erupted.

"I'm thrilled these two talented musicians are joining us for Tiger Jam," Woods said.

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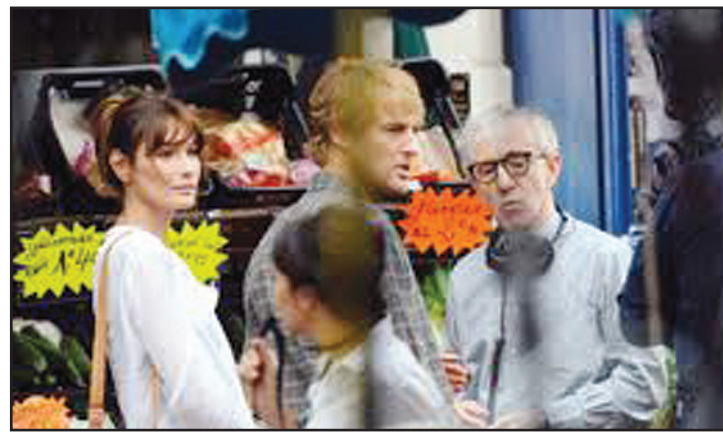


Photo above shows scenes during the shooting of Allen's latest movie "Midnight in Paris"

PARIS, France (AFP) — Woody Allen's "Midnight in Paris" -- featuring French first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy in her first movie role -- will open the Cannes film festival in May, organizers said.

The romantic comedy, with a starry cast that includes Oscar-winner Marion Cotillard and US actors Owen Wilson and Adrien Brody, will be shown out of competition at the world's most prestigious film bash.

"Midnight in Paris" is a wonderful love letter to Paris," festival director Thierry Fremaux said of the period comedy set in the 1920s.

"It's a film in which Woody Allen takes a deeper

look at the issues raised in his last films: our relationship with history, art, pleasure and life," he said in a statement.

US actor Robert De Niro is the president of the jury of this year's festival, which opens on May 11 on the French Riviera. The list of films picked for the official selection competing for the top prizes is due in April.

De Niro, 67, is the third American in four years to head the jury, after director Tim Burton last year and actor-director Sean Penn in 2008.

The presence of President Nicolas Sarkozy's wife in the opening film will add to the star power at the annual festival that is a mix of Hollywood glamour and high-brow

art house cinema.

Tabloid reports said that Bruni-Sarkozy was so bad in her cameo role as a glamorous museum curator that Allen was considering leaving her out of the final cut, but the director later insisted he was keeping her scene.

"She was very professional, she interpreted the role... so well that each and every frame shot will appear in the movie, nothing will be cut," Allen said last August.

Some reports said the director was forced to retake the same scene 35 times because the inexperienced Bruni kept looking at the camera as she played the role of a woman buying a baguette in a bakery.

Bruni, a supermodel turned pop singer who married the president in 2008, herself admitted she might not be a great thespian when she first spoke of getting picked for the tiny role.

"I'm not an actress at all. Perhaps I'll be completely hopeless but I can't miss an opportunity like this one. When I'm a grandmother I'd like to be able to say I made a film with Woody Allen," she said in late 2009.

"Midnight in Paris" is about a family travelling to the French capital for business. The party includes a young engaged couple forced to confront the illusion that a life different from their own is better.

It is the 41st feature film from the 75-year-old New York actor, screenwriter, director and multiple Oscar-winner most famous for his comedies of manners.

700,000 ultrathin condoms lost in transit

TOKYO (AFP) — More than 700,000 condoms have been stolen in transit between Malaysia and Japan, a major Japanese rubber manufacturer said.

About 726,000 polyurethane condoms were loaded into a container at a factory in Malaysia, said Sagami Rubber Industries, founded in 1934 as the first condom maker in Japan.

But the shipment was empty when it arrived at the company's main plant in suburban Tokyo last week, company spokesman Norinari Wakui said, adding that the lock on the container had been replaced before it left port in Malaysia.



The items, which are 14 percent thinner than conventional products at 0.02 millimetres, are worth 120 million yen (1.5 million dollars) at Japanese retail prices, he said.

"This has never happened to us before and we are very perplexed," Wakui told AFP. "We are not certain if it was of a premeditated nature."

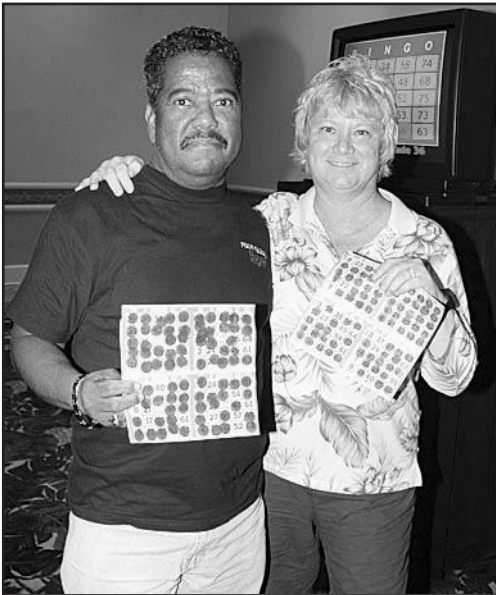
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One of their most popular fundraising events will take place tonight; a congenial evening of bingo in the Renaissance Conference Center in Oranjestad, offering some impressive cash prizes. There are door prizes galore and the final grand prize for a full card is a whopping 5,000 Aruban florins, (\$2857.) Prizes start at 250 Aruban florins and increase with each game; there will be 10 games played. A card costs 20 Aruban florins, (\$12.) Cards will be sold at the door starting at 5:00 p.m.; the games begin at 8:00 p.m., sharp.

FOTH conducts a weekly

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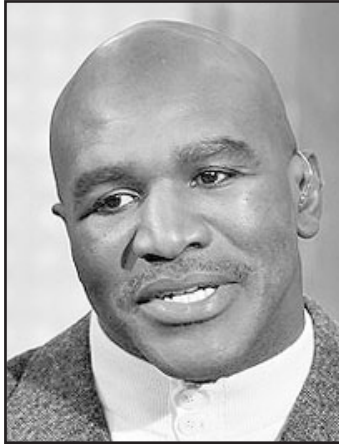
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and knowledge of the two teams contending for this year's championship. \$750 is the prize for correctly choosing the winning score, and \$250 for a reverse score.

Friends of the Handicapped volunteers can be found in the Casa Del Mar lobby every day between the hours of 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., in the afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and in the evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.. Several Aruban foundations depend heavily on the support of FOTH to continue helping those in need, and they have donated over one million dollars to assist the handicapped, over the years. A small investment for those in need accomplishes a great deal as well as offering a special reward, whether you win or not; volunteers are scrupulous in the conduct of the contests, and winners need not be on island to collect. For more information on upcoming events and purchasing raffle tickets, call Art Stark at 567-4102 or 586-3273, Linda Todman at 586-8569 or Dave at 568-8199

by rosalia Klein

Cut forces Holyfield to delay Nielsen fight



BERLIN (AFP) – Former world heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield has been forced to postpone his fight with fellow veteran Brian Nielsen until May 7 because of a cut from a previous fight.

Holyfield, 48, had been due to fight the Dane in Copenhagen on March 5 but the fight has been pushed back by two months because of an old injury.

In his last fight on January 22, Holyfield was cut above the left eye after a clash of heads with Sherman Williams. The cut has not healed as well as expected.

"I had hoped to be fully fit to fight Brian, but after another close examination, the doctor said I could not spar until the end of the month," said Holyfield.

"I will not enter the ring against a determined opponent like Nielsen when I am not 100 percent prepared.

"I take Nielsen very seriously.

"I need a convincing victory to put myself back in line for another shot at the world title, so I will give the cut enough time to heal before resuming practice. I will be in top shape on May 7 and defeat Brian Nielsen."

With a record of 43 wins, 10 defeats and 28 knock-outs, Holyfield has held world heavyweight titles four times in his career, although his last successful title fight was in 2000.

Nielsen, 45, said he was frustrated by the delay and will use the two months to train harder.

"I will make sure Evander gets a nice souvenir from his trip to Copenhagen," said Nielsen, who has a record of 64 wins, 43 knock-outs and two defeats.

"I will cut his other eye, too. He will be good friends with the doctor he has been seeing."



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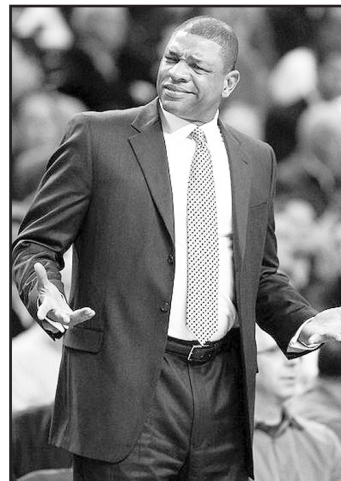
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Boston's Rivers to guide East All-Stars



NEW YORK (AFP) – Boston Celtics coach Doc Rivers will coach the Eastern Conference squad against the Western Conference in this month's NBA All-Star Game, the league announced Wednesday.

Rivers secured the honour on Tuesday night when the Celtics, 37-11, assured them-

selves of having the best record in the Eastern Conference on Sunday by virtue of a 95-90 victory at Sacramento.

San Antonio's Gregg Popovich, whose Spurs have the NBA's best record, will coach the Western Conference All-Stars in the February 20 matchup at Los Angeles.

The Celtics, an East-best 22-3 at home, lead the NBA with a 50.1 percent shooting accuracy rate. Boston lost to the Los Angeles Lakers in last year's NBA Finals.

Rivers, who coached the East to an All-Star triumph in 2008, guided the Celtics to the 2008 NBA crown and was named the NBA Coach of the Year that season. His 317 victories rank third on the all-time Celtics coaching list.

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The annual Las Vegas concert was not staged last year, organizers citing schedule disruptions between artist and venue availability.

Last year also saw Woods

embattled by a sex scandal that kept him from the pro tour for five months and led to his divorce from wife Elin. Woods suffered the first winless year since turning pro in 2010 and has not won since the scandal erupted.

Urban, the husband of actress Nicole Kidman, and Mayer will join a list of Tiger Jam artists that includes Bon Jovi and Van Halen.

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Cavaliers reach brink of history with 22nd loss

CLEVELAND, Ohio (AFP) — Cleveland's woeful Cavaliers moved to the brink of matching the longest one-season losing streak in NBA history by dropping their 22nd game in a row, falling 117-112 to Indiana.

The Cavaliers, who have been reeling since superstar LeBron James departed for Miami last July, on Wednesday fell to a league-worst 8-41 -- their 32nd loss in their past 33 games.

"We're disappointed. It's frustrating," Cavaliers forward Anthony Parker said. "We had opportunities to win and we came up short. We've got to find a way to get it done."

If the Cavaliers lose today at Memphis (26-24), they will match the NBA all-time one-season record losing streak of 23 games set by the 1995-96 Vancouver Grizzlies and matched two seasons later by the Denver Nuggets.

Cavaliers coach Byron

Scott, who played on the Vancouver squad which set the 23-game losing streak record and later moved to Memphis, is feeling the pain of futility.

"It hurts," Scott said. "When you lose games it hurts, especially when you give yourself an opportunity to win, it hurts that much more. We had an opportunity."

A loss Friday would set the stage for Cleveland to come home Saturday to face Portland. A 24th consecutive defeat would give the Cavaliers the all-time one-season record and also equal yet another NBA futility mark.

The Cavaliers already own the NBA multi-season losing streak record of 24 games, having lost the last 19 of their 1981-82 season and the first five in a row of their 1982-83 campaign.

That means the all-time NBA losing streak mark could fall on Monday when the Cavaliers visit Dallas.

Knicks, scout fined for workouts of draft prospects

NEW YORK (AFP) — The New York Knicks were fined 200,000 dollars and Knicks scout Rodney Heard was fined 20,000 dollars for violating NBA rules restricting contact between clubs and players eligible for the NBA Draft.

The league announced the fines on Thursday regarding violations involving Heard for organizing workout sessions in May of 2007 and again last May.

The NBA Draft is staged every June.

Taiwan's Hong-Chih Kuo signs 1-year deal with Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AFP) — Taiwanese left-handed relief pitcher Hong-Chih Kuo has agreed to a one-year Major League Baseball contract worth \$2.725 million with the Los Angeles Dodgers, according to the team.

The move means the club and Kuo will avoid having their contract dispute settled through arbitration. Kuo

could make an extra \$675,000 with various incentive bonuses.

Kuo, who made only \$975,000 last season, had sought \$3.075 million while the Dodgers had been offering only \$2.55 million.

He led Major League Baseball last season with a 1.20 earned-run average over 56 games, setting a Dodgers

US firms hope to strike gold with Super Bowl ads



DALLAS, Texas (AFP) — Advertisers are spending up to three million dollars for a commercial slot for Super Bowl 45 which is expected to be one of the most watched programmes in American history.

A 30-second advert during Sunday's National Football League championship game between the Green Bay Packers and Pittsburgh Steelers contest will cost between 2.5 and three million dollars.

Much of that money will come from the American auto industry which was hit hard by the financial crisis but is beginning to show signs of making a recovery.

In 2009, the US government injected over 80 million dollars in bailout money to into General Motors Co., Chrysler Group and others to help keep them afloat.

Last year's Super Bowl was most watched programme in American history

with 106.5 million viewers and the NFL is expecting to reach or surpass that total this

year.

NFL regular season games are watched by an average of 17.9 millions viewers and that figure increases to an average of 37.7 million viewers for playoff games.

With that many eyes glued to their TV screens it is no wonder that auto giants are willing to spend a million dollars for 10 seconds of air-time.

"How big is the game? It's so big I'm going to DVR it. Not to watch me, but to watch the commercials," said Steelers safety Ryan Clark.



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Texas chill forces Steelers and Packers to train indoors



Workers clear ice outside of Cowboys Stadium during preparations for NFL football Super Bowl XLV

DALLAS, Texas (AFP) – The Pittsburgh Steelers and Green Bay Packers held their first practices of Super Bowl week as an ice storm in the Dallas area forced the teams to move their training indoors.

Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy said Wednesday he expects the Packers to practice indoors at a high school football team's facilities for the rest of the week as they prepare to face Pittsburgh in Super Bowl 45 on Sunday.

The Packers had planned to train at Southern Methodist University in Dallas but two days of snow, ice and bone-chilling temperatures have rendered the field unplayable.

Green Bay had three practices scheduled for this week. McCarthy says moving to Highland Park High School's facilities would not affect the team's preparations.

"I think it is practical that we will be inside for sure today and probably the rest of the week," McCarthy said.

Green Bay linebacker Clay Matthews said he was excited to get back to his teammates and on the practice field Wednesday.

"It is real exciting. We are

getting closer and closer," Matthews said. "First was making it through that week off in Green Bay and here we are in Dallas with media day (Tuesday). We are getting back to the basics and practice. We will take day one and see where we are at and see where we need to improve."

The Steelers also went to plan B, moving their Wednesday practice to an indoor facility at Texas Christian University in the neighboring city of Fort Worth.

Pittsburgh wide receiver Hines Ward said the biggest obstacle so far this week has been adjusting to the weather in the Dallas area, which has been 30 degrees Fahrenheit below normal and that doesn't even factor in the wind chill.

"We got to get extremely more detailed. We can't have an 'Oh, my bad', or 'I saw this and I did this'. We've got to be very sharp in our preparation this week and carry it over to the Super Bowl."

Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin says the bad weather should work to their advantage.

"The weather has probably been a blessing," Tomlin said. "We are probably more familiar with these types of weather conditions."



Matthews said the key for the Green Bay defence on Sunday will be containing Steelers' 6ft 5in quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

"It is almost like taking down an offensive lineman," Matthews said. "He shrugs off defenders, can extend plays."

"So it is very important we put emphasis on rush-line integrity and collapsing the pocket and getting him down when we get to him because he is still able to get the ball away even when you have him wrapped up."

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